

Hartford News

A Newsletter of the Hartford University School for Urban Explorations

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All School Picnic

Thurs. June 10th 4:00-7:00 pm

The Annual Hartford Family Picnic will once again be at Lake Park Picnic Area #3 (near the Lake Park playground). Join other Hartford students, families, and staff on for the picnic on Thursday, June 10th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. This is always a well-attended event (despite the inevitable threat of rain), so plan to get there in plenty of time to play, chat, and eat. The cook-out promises to be fabulous, with hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the sides. You bring the sides, and we will provide the meat and drinks. In a change from prior years, we will not have chicken at the picnic. It was simply too hard to cook (and keep warm) all of the chicken. We will make sure there is plenty of hot dogs and burgers.

It is important that everyone brings a dish to share in order to insure there is enough food. Every family should also plan to pay \$3 per person (maximum \$10 per family) for the cost of the main dishes. See the flyer inside the newsletter for more details. Please help make this year's picnic a success!!

In case of rain, the picnic will be held at Hartford in the gym.

Visit the school's website at <http://HartfordUniversitySchool.weebly.com>.

See an electronic version of this newsletter!!

Hartford Awards Excellence

Hartford has scheduled its annual awards ceremony for students in grades 4-8 for 6:30 pm on Wednesday, June 2nd. Called the AAA Awards, the ceremony in the Hartford Auditorium is an opportunity to reward the academic, athletic, artistic, and attendance excellence at Hartford. Anyone who participated in a sport at Hartford will be recognized and should plan to attend. Recognition will also be given for robotics, Science Fair, and Spelling Bee. Those who receive academic, artistic, or attendance award will get a note sent home to let parents know about the recognition. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will follow the awards ceremony.

May 2010

Calendar

5/20	Strings Recital 1:00 to 2:00 pm
5/20	K4-1st gr Concert 6:00 to 7:30 pm
5/21	Talent Show Audition Request forms due
5/27	Gr 2-5 Concert 6:00 to 7:30
5/31	No School
6/2	AAA Awards 6:30 pm
6/3	Governance Council 4:30 to 6:00 pm
6/4	Talent Show 9:00 am and 1:00 pm
6/10	Hartford Picnic 4:00 to 7:00 pm Lake Park #3
6/14	Graduation
6/14	Last Day of School

MPS Summer Camps

Summer Recreation Enrichment Camps (SREC) will be offered at some MPS Schools. Camps are held Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with before and after-care available for an additional \$10/week per child or \$15/week per family. Camps are located at Fairview, Hawley, Lancaster, McNair, 65th Street, and Whitman Schools. Camps generally run from June 28th through August 6th, with no camp on July 5th. Students may attend one week or multiple weeks. Each week is centered around a theme, and involves sports, games, arts, math, reading, field trips, and other educational opportunities. There are many field trips planned (often with additional fees). Transportation is not provided, but lunches are. The full cost is \$70/week, though there are family rates and reduced rates for families that qualify for W-2 or reduced school lunch fees. Act fast — camps often fill up quickly. A registration form has already been sent home, but you may receive another application or more information by calling 475-8701 and speaking to someone in the MPS Division of Recreation and Community Services.

YMCA Day Camp

The YMCA offers full-day summer programming for children ages 4 to 15. Camps run from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm for under \$200 per week. Before and after-care is available. There are also a number of overnight camps and specialty camps available. For more information, call 224-9622 or visit www.ycamke.org/daycamp.

Spring Concert K4-1st

May 20th, 6:00 pm

Join the youngest Hartford students in the auditorium this Thursday for their Spring Concert. Kids in K4, K5, and 1st grade will perform in the auditorium at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 20th. They have been practicing hard and are ready to show off their skills. Bring your favorite teddy bears or dolls and see if we can sing them to sleep. There will also be an exciting performance by the Milwaukee Brass 5 as part of the ACE performance program. It promises to be an exciting evening!

Summer Music Lessons

Many students work hard during the year practicing their musical instruments at school. When they take the summer off, students may lose some of their skills and interest in music lessons. Don't let your child get rusty!! The Lincoln Center for the Arts (820 E. Knapp Street) offers summer string and band lessons from June 21st to July 8th. The cost is only \$20. The lessons are intended for string and band students who have taken at least one year of lessons. Choral students are also welcome to participate. String students should have completed at least 2nd grade, band students should have completed 4th grade, and choral students should have completed 6th grade. For more information, call 459-3447.

Articles for this newsletter may be submitted by any Hartford student, parent, or staff member. The deadline for the next newsletter is June 5th. Are there events or community activities that you would like to hear more about or share with others? Leave your articles for submission in the PSO mailbox in the office. Please write "Newsletter" on your submission so that it is routed properly. You may also e-mail submissions to danburz@att.net. Call Dan Burzynski at 263-0685 with any questions about submissions or the newsletter.

State Fair Camp

Is your child going into 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade? The Wisconsin State Fair offers a daylong experience for urban youth to experience the fair in a very special way. Fair Camp includes a tour of the Discovery Barnyard, animal care demonstrations, a visit to the natural resources park, a ride down the giant slide, crafts, singing, and educational activities. On Friday, August 6th or Tuesday, August 10th, your child can attend Fair Camp from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm for only \$15! The cost also includes a snack, lunch, backpack, and t-shirt. Camp registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and is limited to the first 50 campers. For more information, call 266-7050 or visit www.WiStateFair.com

Graduation

There are only a few weeks left in the school year. For the eighth graders, their time at Hartford is coming to an end. Mark your calendars — the graduation celebration will be on Monday, June 14th at noon in the Wisconsin Room at UWM. Help send these scholars off to the next phase of their education!

Spring Concert 2nd—5th May 27th, 6:00 pm

The students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will perform their Spring Concert on Thursday, May 27th. Come to the Hartford Auditorium and celebrate their musical successes! There will also be a performance by some of the dancers from the Mad Hot Tap and Ballroom program and the Hartford Band. Be sure to attend!

Honor Roll (5th Mark Period)

Congratulations to everyone who made the honor roll for the last grading period:

Gold

Tasneem Badani	Kenza El Abdallaoui
Thomas Horgan	Clare Loughran
Julian Mackey	Javion Mosley
Marquesha Peace	Lorenzo Ramirez
Sierra Randall	Lilian Solheim
Oscar Sprangers	Hannah Smith
Daniel Tesfaye	Jaques Thompson
Lucy Yang	

Silver

Sierra Boyce	Bryon Cobb
Brittani Cook	Jennifer Jackson
James Kevlin	

Bronze

Jeshon Alexander	Anika Anderson
Javonte Blount	Marquelle Boone
Elijah Curry	Jaelyn Dailey
Nicolas Damato	Alonzo Davis
Jamarcus Dills	Delana Dorsey
Tiersa Harrington	Mohammad Hayder
Nikka Huffman	Lia Hutchins
Savon Ireland	Kayla Logan
Alex Martinez	Darius Mc Elroy
Albair Mc Murray	Zane Md Shahrin
Adhega Mohamed	Benjamin Mondry
Mia Morgan	April Pigg
Kayla Pinion	Tyler Reed
Gianna Ricks	Jalisa Rodgers
Stephanie Scott	Maurion Sherrod
Brianna Simon	Ary Smith
Aneyia Thompson	Teyah Thompson
Kayla Triplett	Shangmeng Vang
Shengyin Vang	Talore Williams
Natalie Wright	Brian Xiong

Girl Scouts

One of the goals of Girl Scouts is to build girls of character. The young women of Hartford's Girl Scout Troop 3283 have been building character all year, and committed their last meeting to develop their etiquette skills.



These eleven young women dressed in their finest and went to an afternoon tea on April 27th at the Schuster Mansion. Their host, Ms. Mosier, taught them about the history of manners and the traditions around afternoon tea. They got a chance to practice their manners, enjoy tea and snacks, and tour a beautiful Victorian mansion that is currently a bed and breakfast. For more information about the Schuster mansion, go to www.SchusterMansion.com.

43rd Biennial MPS Music Festival

Many Hartford students participated in the 43rd Biennial MPS Music Festival on May 5th and 6th. The Festival showcased MPS' musical talent from throughout the district downtown at the U.S Cellular Arena. Hartford's 4th and 5th grade students sang in the all-district choir. Some of Hartford's instrumental music students performed in the Elementary Orchestra. Members of Hartford's band performed with the festival band on the second day. Congratulation and thanks to all of the students who represented Hartford at this festival.

Summer Reading

Borders Book Stores have announced their summer reading program, *Double-Dog Dare*. Borders dares you to read 10 books this summer. If a child under 12 years old has an adult confirm that he or she read more than 10 books, the child will receive a coupon for a free book! Many popular books are included on the free book list. Stop in at your local Borders Books to find out more.

Summer Projects with GE

Many GE employees helped make the Science Fair night a little more interesting this year. Their help was certainly appreciated. The good news is that their support of Hartford will not end once the school year is over. As part of their commitment to the community, GE employees will return to Hartford on Wednesday, August 18th to work on projects around the school. Any parents who may be available to help that day are encouraged to contact the office to volunteer.

Hartford Summer School

Hartford is accepting registrations now for Summer School. Summer School provides reading and math support for students in grades K4 through 8th grade. Priority registration for Hartford students ends June 4th! Summer School is available for students whether they are doing work that is above grade level, below grade level, or average for their grade. Summer School will begin on Monday, June 28th and end on Thursday, July 29th. Summer School runs Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 am to noon, with breakfast and lunch provided. There is no cost to participate in summer school. Applications are available in the school office or online at <http://\mpsportal.milwaukee.k12.wi.us>. Click on Schools >> Summer School >> Parent & Student Resources for the application.

Information about registration for Summer School has been sent home, but any questions may be directed to Hartford's Summer School Coordinator, Ms. Marti Jones.

Though Hartford's Summer School will end at noon each day, students needing supervision in the afternoon may be interested in the afternoon activities at Cass Street School from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Registration is free (after-care from 4:00 to 6:00 is available for \$10 per week).

Talent Show

Students in grades 3-8 are welcome to audition for this year's talent show. Audition request forms have been handed out and must be turned in to Ms. Poytinger by Friday, May 21st. Auditions will be the week of May 24th. The talent show performances will be on Friday, June 4th at either 9:00 or 1:00 — a few performers will be invited to perform at both shows, but most performers will be assigned one or the other. Students in K4-4 will watch the 9:00 show and other students will watch the 1:00 show. Any talent is welcome, as long as it is appropriate for all audiences and free of foul language. Please see Ms. Poytinger with any questions.

Strings Recital

Hartford's String students have been taking lessons and practicing hard since the beginning of the year. All of that hard work will be on display at their annual recital on Thursday, May 20th at 1:00 pm in Hartford's auditorium. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate their progress. Some K4 students will join parents and families in the audience. There will be four groups performing: two groups of beginners, an intermediate group, and an advanced group. Performers at the recital include:

Lilian Solheim
Clare Loughran
Lydia Anthony
Jada Carter
Isabella Burzynski
Mia Storniolo
Javion Mosley
Olivia Duever
RaeVaughn Huertas
Tauria Holmes
Nekolos Holmes
Addison Griffin
Janae Perry
Siyanna Erby
Taylor Roberson
Eric Campbell
Diamond Wright
Terri Johnson
Meghan Halvorson
Niah Hudson
Melisenda Dixon
Diamond Hendree

Lilian, Clare, Lydia, Jada, Isabella, Mia, and Javion also participated in the Strings Orchestra at the Biennial Music Festival. Congratulations for all your hard work! A big thanks to their teacher, Ms. Crema, for all her hard work, patience, and skill.

The Emperor's New Clothes - The Musical

On April 23rd and 24th, Hartford students, staff, and families were treated to an exciting performance of *The Emperor's New Clothes*. It was a real treat to see the how well Hartford's Middle School students were able to bring this classic story to life on Hartford's own stage. A special thanks also goes out to Directors Kelliann Kary and Brittany McDonald. These UWM students did a fabulous job running the practices and directing the show. Rebecca Holderness, Ms. Poytinger, and Mr. Vande Zande also deserve our thanks for all of their help. Thanks, also, to the Fourth and Fifth Grade students who sang in the chorus. The theater arts at Hartford have a bright future as these young talents move into Middle School.

Congratulations are certainly due the many performers who spent hours practicing their lines and perfecting the show. They really did a great job!!

Thanks to the set crew who designed the sets, ran the lights, coordinated the sound, and made the show look effortless. They really did a great job:

Narrator 1:	Brittani Cook
Narrator 2:	Hannah Smith
King:	Michael Anderson
Queen:	Tierra Woods
Prince:	Nathan Ireland
Princess:	Breshonna Ware
Court Herald:	Clare Loughran
Guido Farabutto:	Jaheed Hayder
Luigi Farabutto:	Harrison Mitchell
Minister of Army:	Sierra Randall
Minister of Culture:	Lily Solheim
Minster of Style:	Nicole Norman
Minister of Recreation:	Josiah Roundtree
Minister of Education:	Brittnie McDaniel
Minister of Fashion:	Kyla Russell

Breezy Borchardt	Marro Ceasar
Breonna Gibson	Mohammad Hayder
Tryshtaun Jefferson	Tom Horgan
Albair McMurray	Tyler Jones
Lorenzo Ramirez	Stephanie Scott
Josephine Hildebrandt	Sierra Boyce
D Angelo Lawrence	Curtis Cook
Marlena Hall	Lia Hutchins
Dallas Johnson	Ben Mondry
Gianna Ricks	Natalie Wright

Do you have good photos from the Musical? E-mail them to danburz@att.net for inclusion in the next newsletter. Thanks!

Hartford Soccer

The Hartford Soccer team this Spring has shown a lot of promise and excitement as we return 7 players from last year's team. We currently have a 1-2 record, with both losses coming due to forfeits. We are hoping to finish the season strong. The team has been practicing hard and preparing for the remaining games of the season. Please come and cheer on the team at the Rufus King Football field on Saturday mornings — on May 22nd at 9:00 am and on June 5th at 10:00 am.

Mad Hot Tap and Ballroom

Are you looking for the Mad Hot Tap and Ballroom story from the newsletter?

To give it more space, the story has its own place in the website. Look for the story, along with some great pictures!!

Science Fair

This year's annual science fair on March 31st was an amazing event! Not only did it feature our top-notch Hartford Scientists' tough investigative work, but the collaboration from GE Healthcare added a whole new level of hands-on science excitement! Scientific process projects from all grade levels were represented throughout the first floor, and there was some incredible work displayed! Students and families could also experience activities including: using a SmartGrid - make paper images "leap" to 3D life on a screen, learning to use the amazing features of Google Earth to see any location on the planet, trying out Imagination Cube - learning to make a SmartBoard from a Wii, listening to their own heart on a real heart monitor, and using a real ultrasound to capture images and "Viewpoint" to send and receive those images to laptops. Hartford thanks its students for their incredibly hard work use of their keen scientists' minds, as well as GE Healthcare, for providing lots of "real life" equipment and fun give-aways. A great time was had by all!!

The winners of the Hartford University School 2010 Science Fair were:

4th Grade:

3rd Place: Tory Jemison, Harrison Dudek

2nd Place: Amber Solheim, Taylor Brown, Celina Young

1st Place: Jayla Abdullah, Lydia Anthony, Chloe Blair, Jaylin Carroll, Helena Dean, Tawahn Franklin, Conner Gavin, Savannah Gibson, Adia Rogers, Brendan Stevenson, Sarai Tenorio

5th Grade:

3rd Place: Zachary Ramirez/Sandro Storniolo

2nd Place: Najee El Amin/Jacob Jones

1st Place: Danielle Hoffman; Zavier Ware/LaJohn Wallace-Bush

Middle School:

3rd Place: Donald McGraw; Hannah Smith; Marqueesha Peace

2nd Place: Thomas Horgan

1st Place: Lorenzo Ramirez

Future Success Program at UWM

Will your child have success in the future? There are no guarantees, but participation in UW-Milwaukee's Future Success Program (FSP) may be the first step. The program is offered in summer and the academic year for students in grades 9 through 12. FSP is designed to ensure that students and their parents receive information and academic support necessary for college admission and competition. FSP provides students with the foundation needed to be successful in high school as well as college. Students in grades 9-12 with a GPA of at least 2.5 will be ensured completion of a college prep curriculum, and development of study skills and behaviors to successfully complete high school and excel in college.

Students will be provided with intense academic advising, tutoring, mentoring, career exploration, financial aid, and college information. As a result of participating in FSP, students will be eligible for the Panther Promise (where they are guaranteed admission to UW-Milwaukee), an application fee waiver, preferential acceptance to on-campus housing, special scholarship consideration and a college mentor. For more information, contact Larissa Lampkins-Cobb at 229-5940 or lampkins@uwm.edu.

Did you miss the Biennial Music Festival? Keep an eye out for coverage on Milwaukee's public access channels. In the meantime, check out <http://www.fox6now.com/news/witi-100505-mps-concert-rehearsal,0,2282443.story>. There is footage posted on Fox 6's website of the news story they did about the festival. If you look closely, you can see some Hartford students practicing and performing.

New Student Open House

Once again, Hartford is expect full classes of students in the Fall. Newly accepted students were invited to an Open House on Thursday, May 20th from 4:30 to 5:45 pm. There will be tours and an ice cream social on Thursday to welcome new students. Some may stay for the K4-1st grade concert. If you happen to be in the building, be sure to welcome the new students and their families!

Climate Survey Results

Looking for the results of the Climate Survey? All of the students, parents, and staff of MPS had the chance in Fall to participate in a Climate Survey to communicate their thought, ideas, and perceptions about MPS schools. You can now view the climate survey responses of staff, parents, or students for any MPS school (including Hartford). The most direct route is to type <http://www2.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/research/survey10.html> in your browser. You can also go to the MPS homepage at <http://mpsportal.milwaukee.k12.wi.us>. In the panel on the left side of the page, go to *Departments >> Research/Assessment >> District/School Data* and you can find a link to the Climate Survey. You can also find links to other surveys and the district report card.